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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, China Asia Satellite Division, CCI
25X1A ATTENTION : [REDACTED] Military Support Branch
FROM : Chief, CIA/FID (NPIC)
SUBJECT : Area Study, Laos
REFERENCE : Requirement No. C-CIA-81,795 (Project No. C 1477-64)

1. In response to Requirement No. C-CIA-81,795 (C 1477-64), a study was made from the most recent available aerial photography in order to determine if any changes have occurred in the facilities at the following locations: Bai Duc Thon Staging Area, Mu Gia Pass Military Camp, Ban Lang Khang Resupply Point, Muong Phine Military Area, Tchepone Airfield, and Vit Thu Lu Military Area.

2. The following changes were observed at the below listed installations:

a. Bai Duc Thon Staging Area

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On photography dated [REDACTED] it appears that the staging area was abandoned. Twenty-four buildings have been completely dismantled with only 6 buildings of any significance remaining. The buildings remaining include 2 possible barracks and 4 possible vehicle maintenance sheds/shops, of possible interest is a heavily traveled path leading into the woods south of Route No. 12 and immediately opposite the staging area. This path was not evident on photography dated [REDACTED] but appears well used at present.

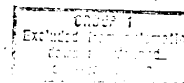
b. Mu Gia Pass Military Camp

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Low level photography of [REDACTED] shows the military camp containing one large and 2 small tile-roofed headquarters barracks buildings, 11 thatched-roof barracks, 4 of which are being dismantled, approximately 15 storage/support buildings, and one probable concrete bunker under construction just south of the large administrative barracks building.

Defenses in the area include 2 circular bunkers just east of the large headquarters building connected by a series of communication trenches

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trenches, 3 unoccupied AW/AA weapons emplacements, 7 possible AW/AA weapons emplacements, 4 probable rectangular bunkers and 7 small revetments located along the west edge of the large building.

The reported air intake pipe on the bunker under construction is a ladder extending from the base of the bunker's interior to the built-up top section.

c. Ban Lang Khang Resupply Point -

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Comparison of photography dated [REDACTED] reveals no apparent change in the facilities at this resupply point.

d. Kuon Phing Military Area

There is no apparent change to the facilities at this military area. The same buildings still have their roofs removed and are the only ones evidencing any signs of dismantling.

e. Telephone Airfield

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No change is noted at the airfield. The military area reported in the [REDACTED] as being previously unreported and located adjacent to the NE end of the runway is actually located at the SW end of the runway and has been observed there since [REDACTED]

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f. Vit Thu La Military Area

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25X1D Photography of [REDACTED] reveals no change in the military area since [REDACTED]. This area has steadily increased in capacity since [REDACTED] but no recent build-up has been noted.

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3. The photo analysis on this project was performed by [REDACTED] 25X1A
[REDACTED] CIA/PID/GB (RPIC), who may be contacted on ext. 3436 for any additional information.

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4. This memo completes the referenced requirement.

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